

unit 500 is also connected to user input devices, so that user requests for multimedia events and interactive commands can be inputted. However, Cruz does not disclose that the user input devices can be used to select instructions held in the track mapping table store 335 based on user input.

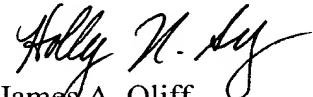
Mincy discloses an editing interface for a moving picture recording device that includes a random-access, and a computer-readable and writable storage medium to provide non-linear access to recorded clips. However, because Mincy does not compensate for deficiencies in Cruz, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1 and 10 are distinguishable over the applied art. Claims 2-9 and 11-21, which depend from claims 1 and 10, respectively, are likewise distinguishable over the applied art for at least the reasons discussed as well as for the additional features they recite. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and §103(a) is respectfully requested.

III. Conclusion

For at least the reasons discussed above, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-21 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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Xerox Reference No.: D/98140**APPENDIX**

Changes to Title:

The following is a marked-up version of the amended title:

~~USING STRUCTURED REPRESENTATIONS
TO INDEX RECORDINGS OF ACTIVITY~~
SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR USING STRUCTURED
REPRESENTATIONS TO INDEX RECORDINGS OF ACTIVITY

Changes to Claims:

Claims 1 and 10 are amended.

The following are marked-up versions of the amended claims:

1. (Amended) A system that uses structured representations to index recordings of activity, comprising:
 - an object description file that stores at least one index;
 - a user input device that selects at least one item of the at least one index based on a user input; and
 - an association device that associates the selected at least one item with a recording of an activity.

10. (Amended) A method of using structured representations to represent recordings of activity, comprising the steps of:
 - storing at least one index;
 - selecting at least one item of the at least one index based on a user input;
 - recording an activity; and
 - associating the selected at least one item with the recorded activity.